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AVAILABILITY OF FLAT WAGONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have any proposals to increase the number and availability of flat wagons to trucking industry;

(b) if so, the details and the number of flat wagons in operation presently with the Railways; and

(c) the steps taken to attract the trucking industry ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) to (c): The Railways have not been moving commercial trucks in the past. Recently, Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd. (KRC), a PSU under the Ministry of Railways, has started such services under which loaded trucks are `Rolled on` to flat wagons and moved to their destination, where they are loaded off the flat wagons. KRC may consider further expansion of this service based on experience gained from pilot services.

A similar proposal has also been received by the Ministry of Railways from a private sector company. As per the proposal, marketing with truckers etc. is to be done by the promoter. The Railways have to only provide haulage service.